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RYU KI-WOON MOON JUNG-HOO
MOON MYEONG-JU HAN BYEONG-HUN

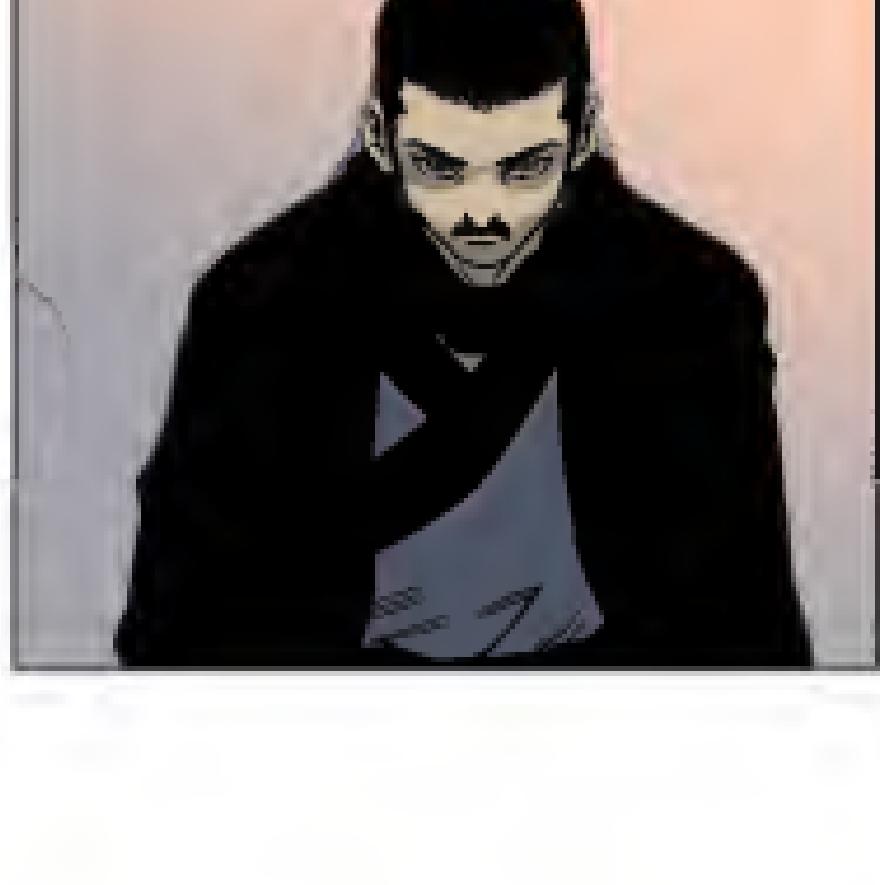
CHAPTER 33
THE BAEKMA VALLEY (14)



YOU KNEW THAT
THE HEAVENLY
DESTROYER'S
DISCIPLE WOULD
MAKE A MOVE?



YES.



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THEN... YOU ALSO
KNEW THAT IT'D TURN
OUT LIKE THIS...?

I DID!

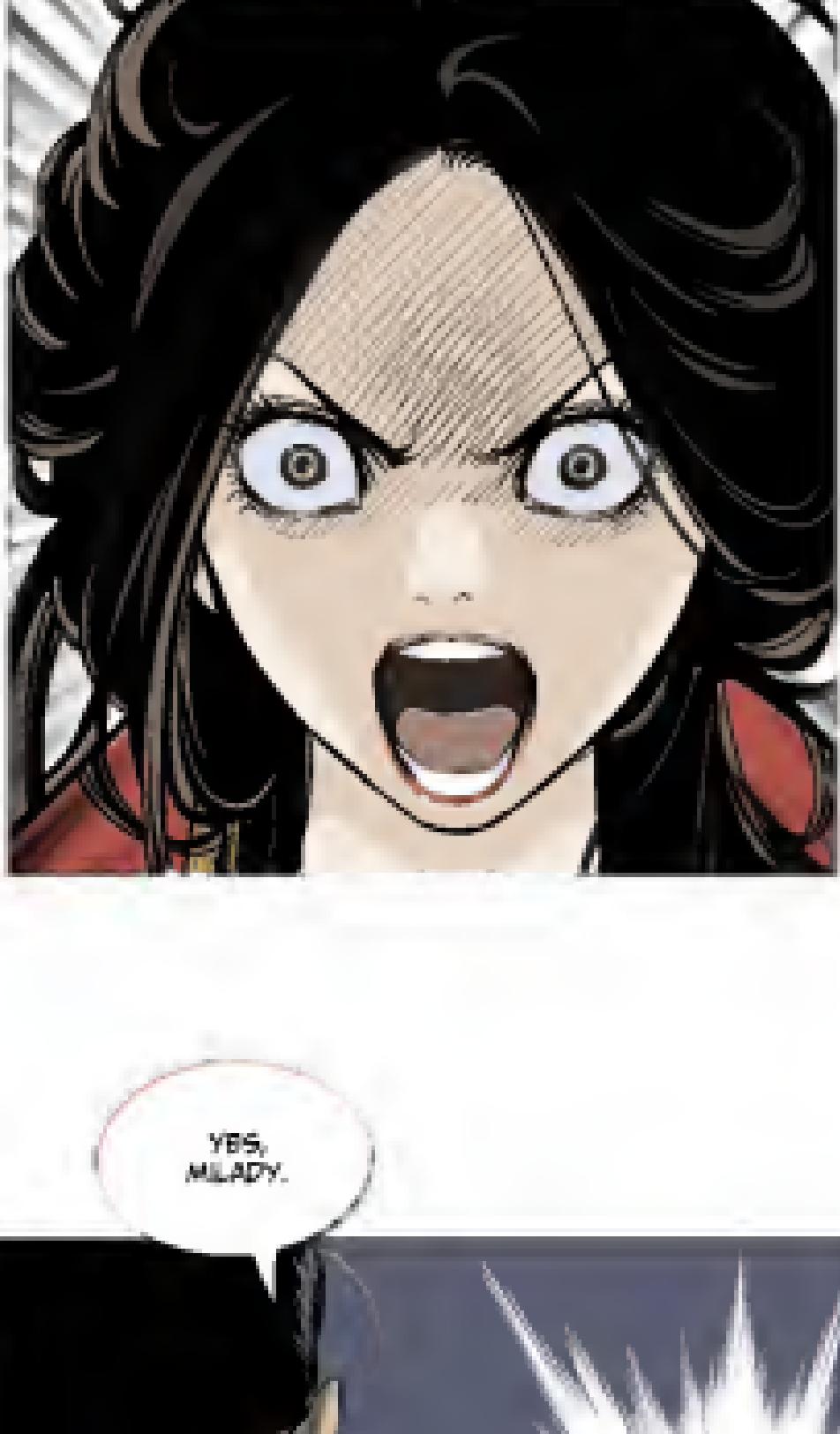
WHAT... DID
YOU SAY?

HALF THE MEN IN
THE VALLEY, AND EVEN
UNCLE DANG...

...THE ENTIRE
BAEKMA VALLEY WAS
DRIVEN TO THE BRINK
OF ANNIHILATION, YET
UNTIL HE STOPPED OF
HIS OWN VOLITION,
NO ONE COULD
STOP HIM.

...

AND YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO BROUGHT
THIS DISASTER UPON
US... IS THAT WHAT
YOU'RE TELLING
ME?



YES,
MILADY.

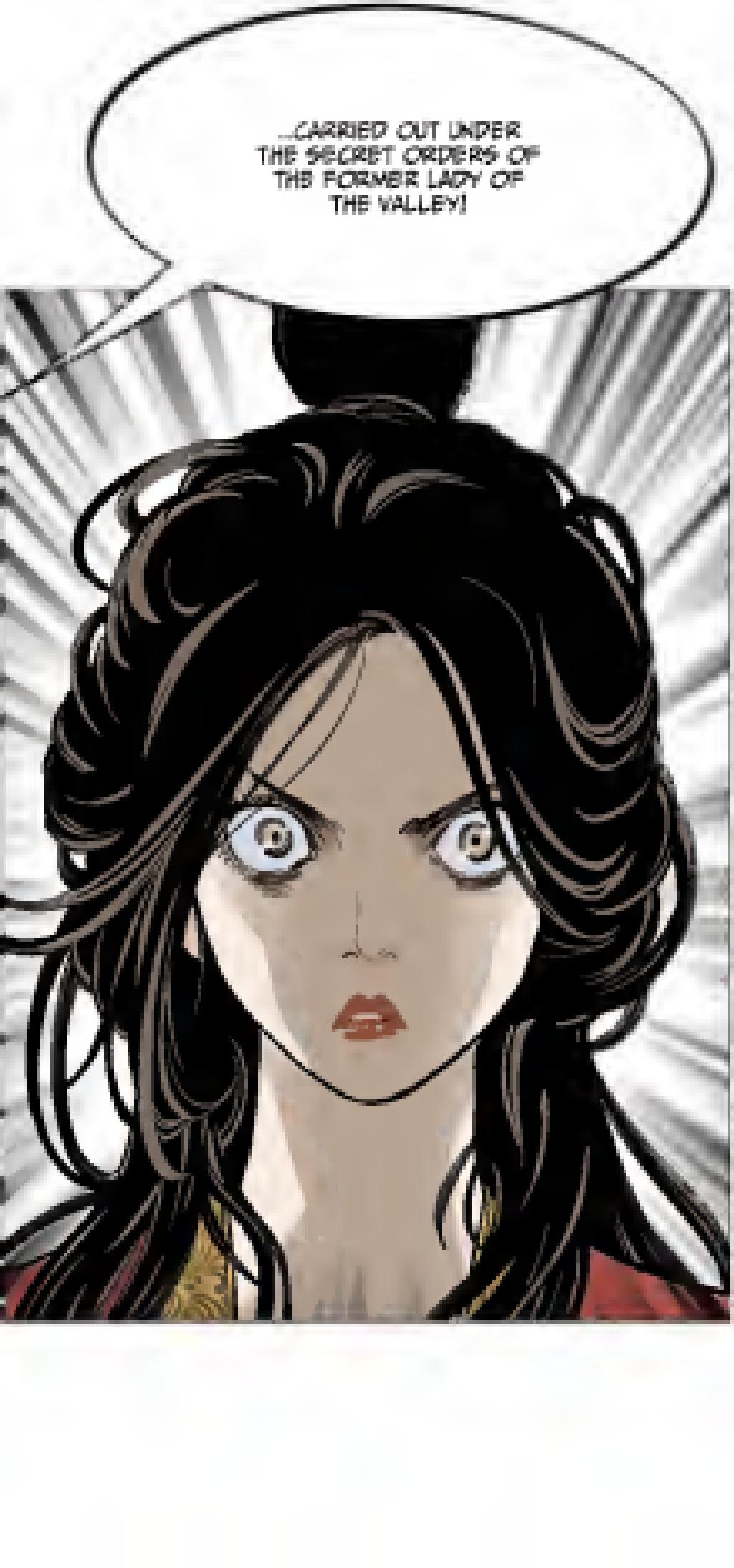


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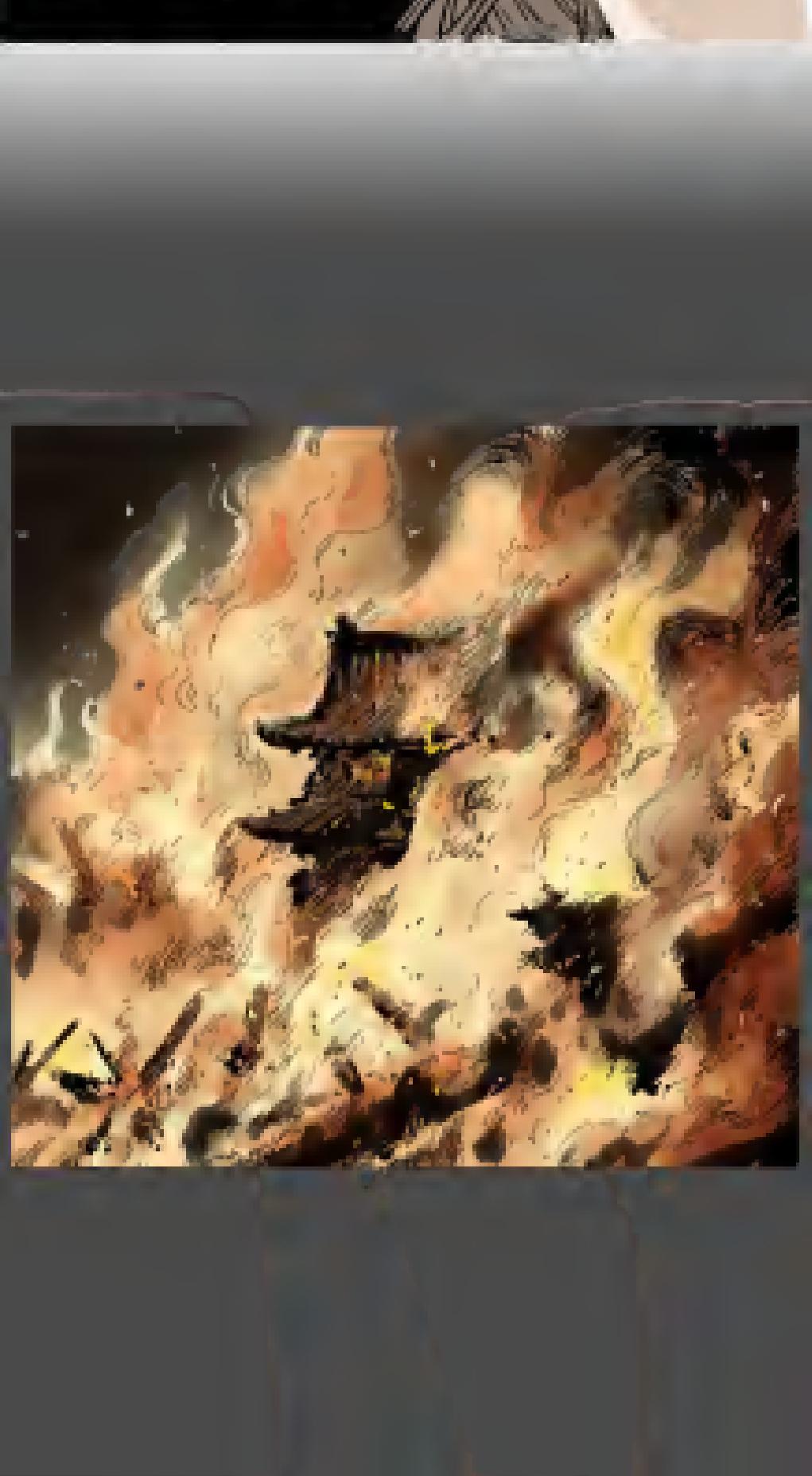
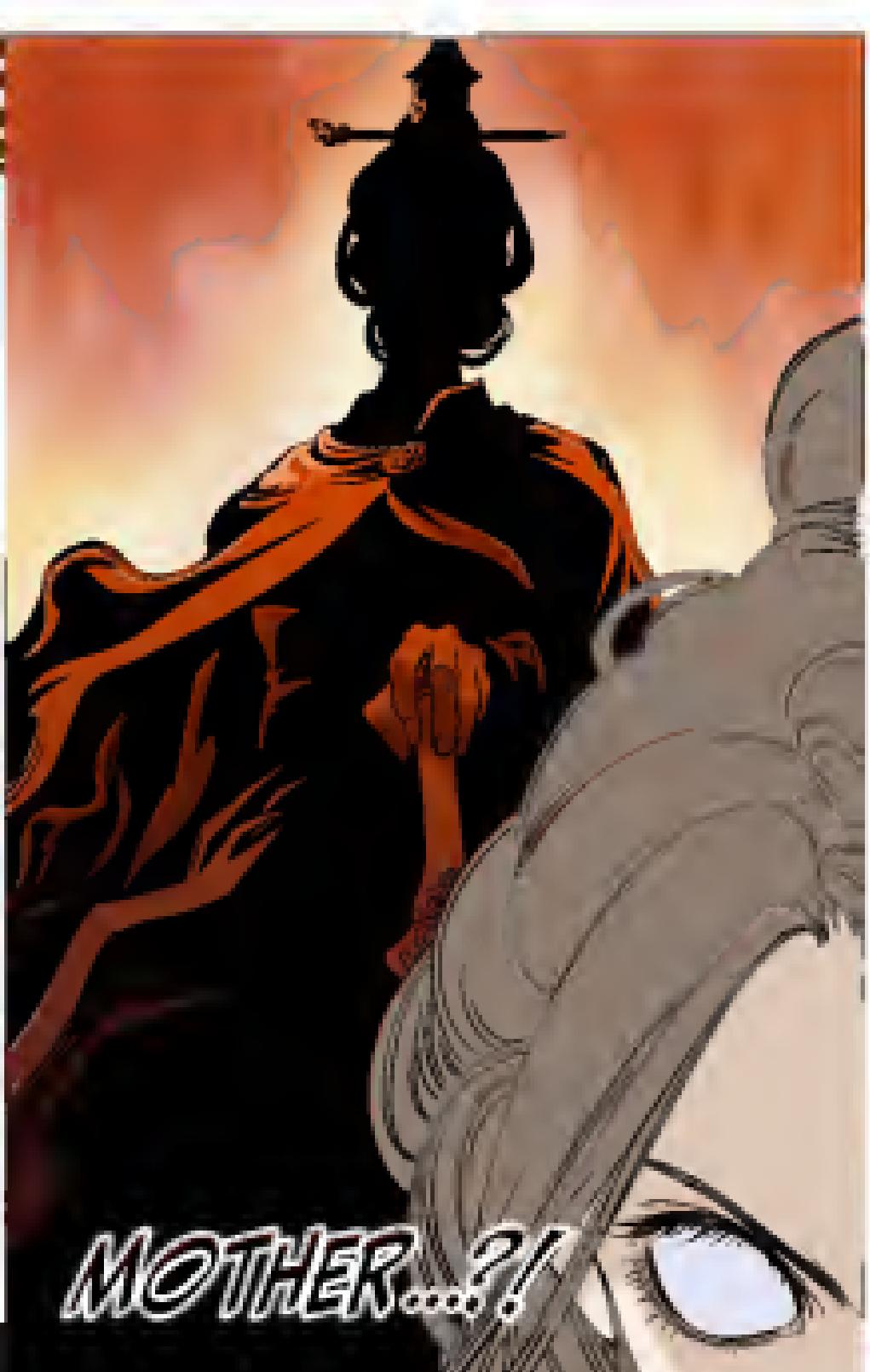




BUT ALL OF
THIS WAS...



CARRIED OUT UNDER
THE SECRET ORDERS OF
THE FORMER LADY OF
THE VALLEY!



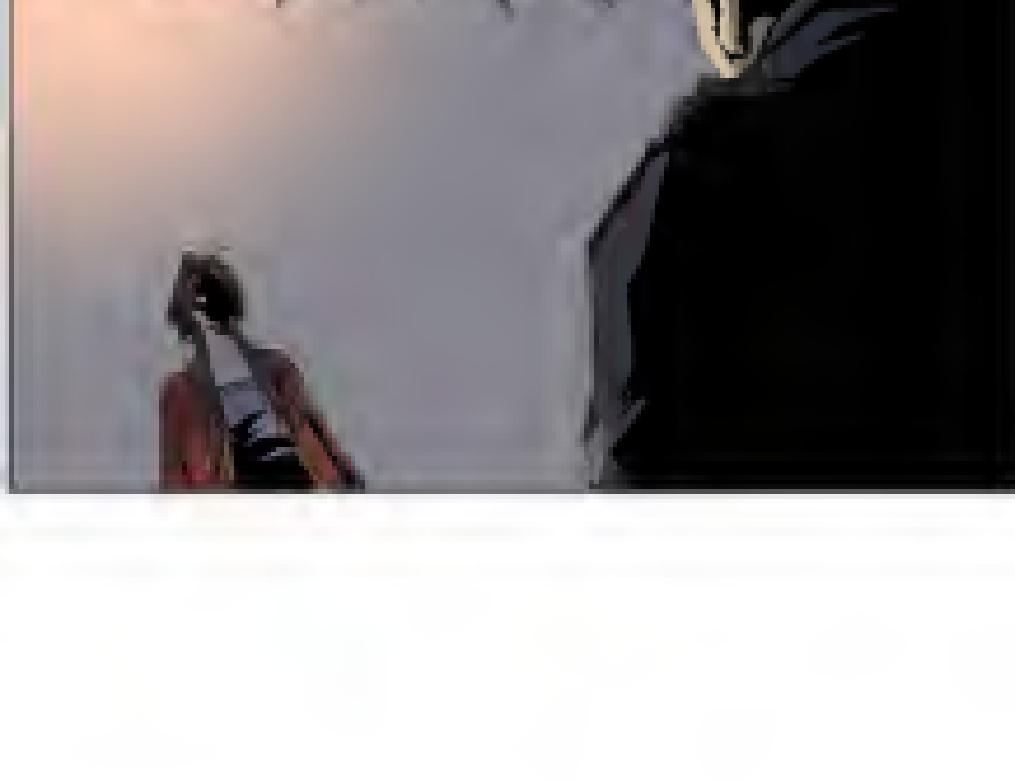
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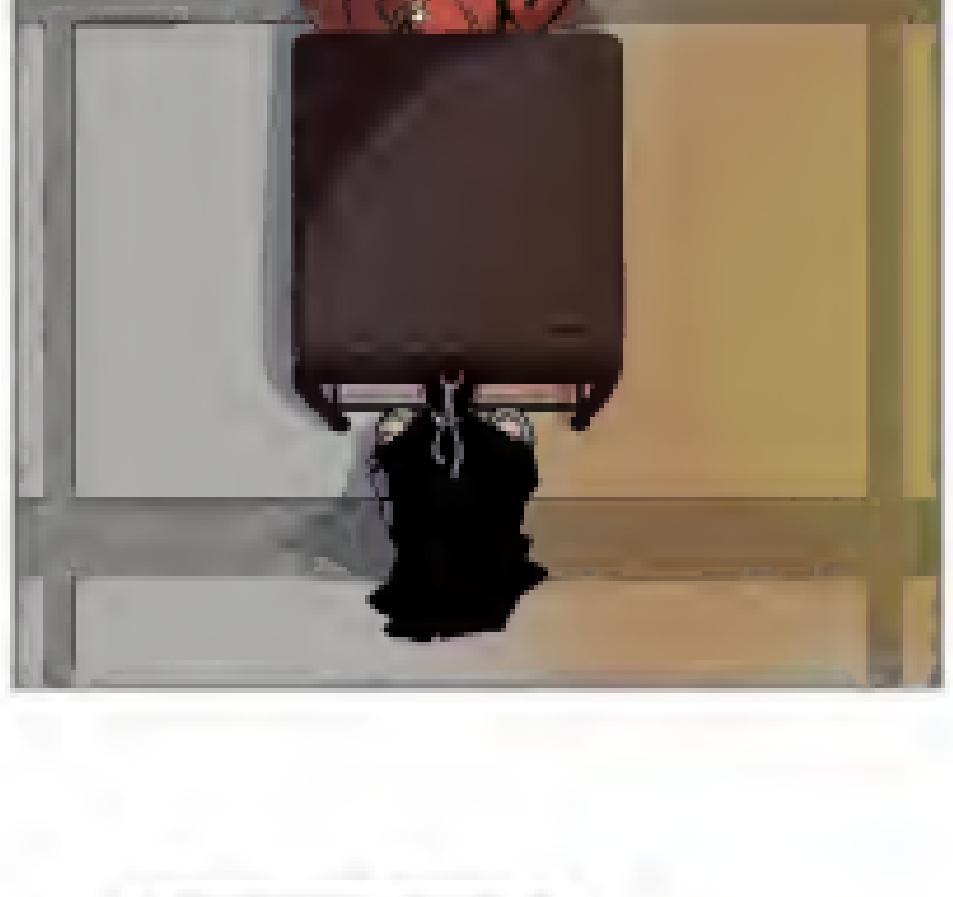


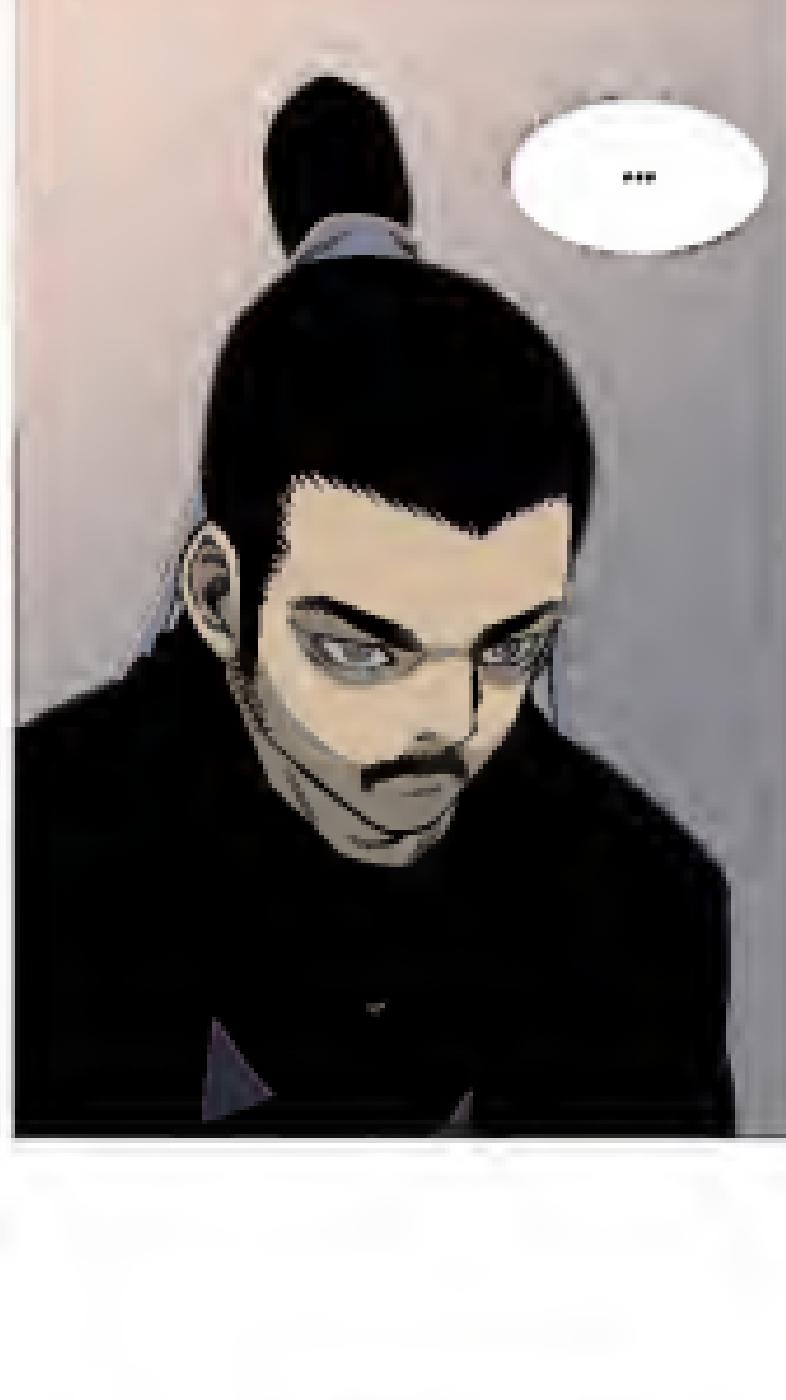
...MOTHER SAVED THIS MAN'S LIFE AFTER THE
HEAVENLY DESTRUCTION SECT COLLAPSED. HE
THEN JOINED THE BAEKMA VALLEY AND HAS
BEEN HER RIGHT-HAND EVER SINCE.



HE STILL
HAS TIES TO
MOTHER...?







THE FORMER LADY IS
CONCERNED ABOUT THE
BABOMA VALLEY'S CURRENT
STATE OF AFFAIRS.





...THE VALLEY
MAY HAVE GROWN IN
FAME AND SIZE...

BUT IT LACKS
SUBSTANCE.



FOR ALL ITS GREAT
RENOWN, PEOPLE ONLY
MENTION FEATS ACHIEVED
UNDER MY REIGN WHEN
THEY TALK OF THE
BABEMA VALLEY...

...AND AS FOR ITS
SIZE, IT JUST MEANS
THAT THERE ARE MORE
MEN THAN BEFORE.

THERE IS NEED...
FOR A CULLING.

A CULLING...

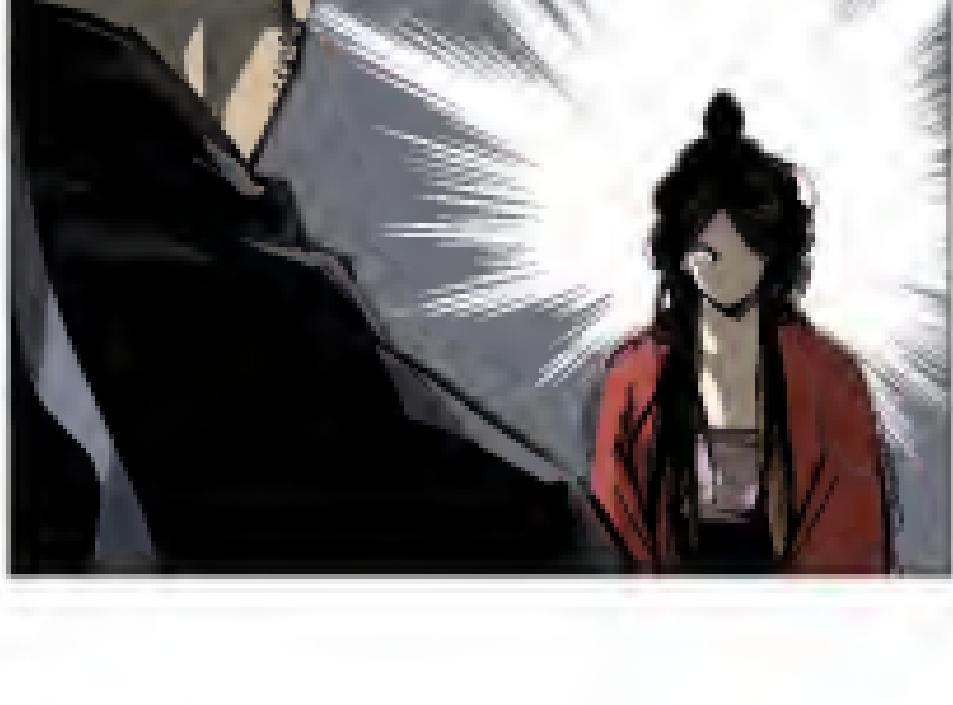


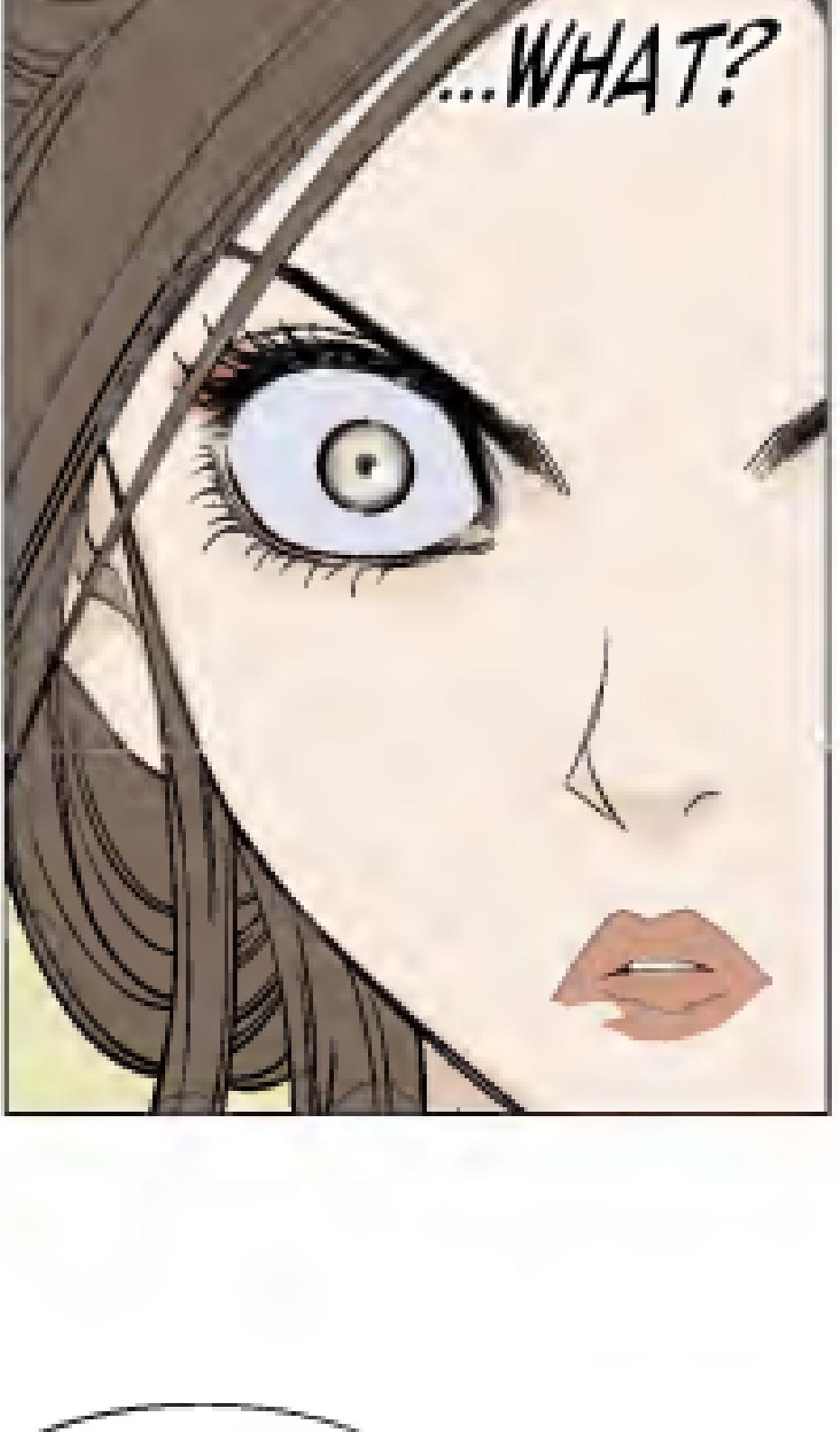
DIDN'T SHE
REALIZE THAT IT
COULD BRING DOWN
THE VALLEY ITSELF?

ON THE
CONTRARY...



THAT'S
PRECISELY WHAT
SHE WANTED.

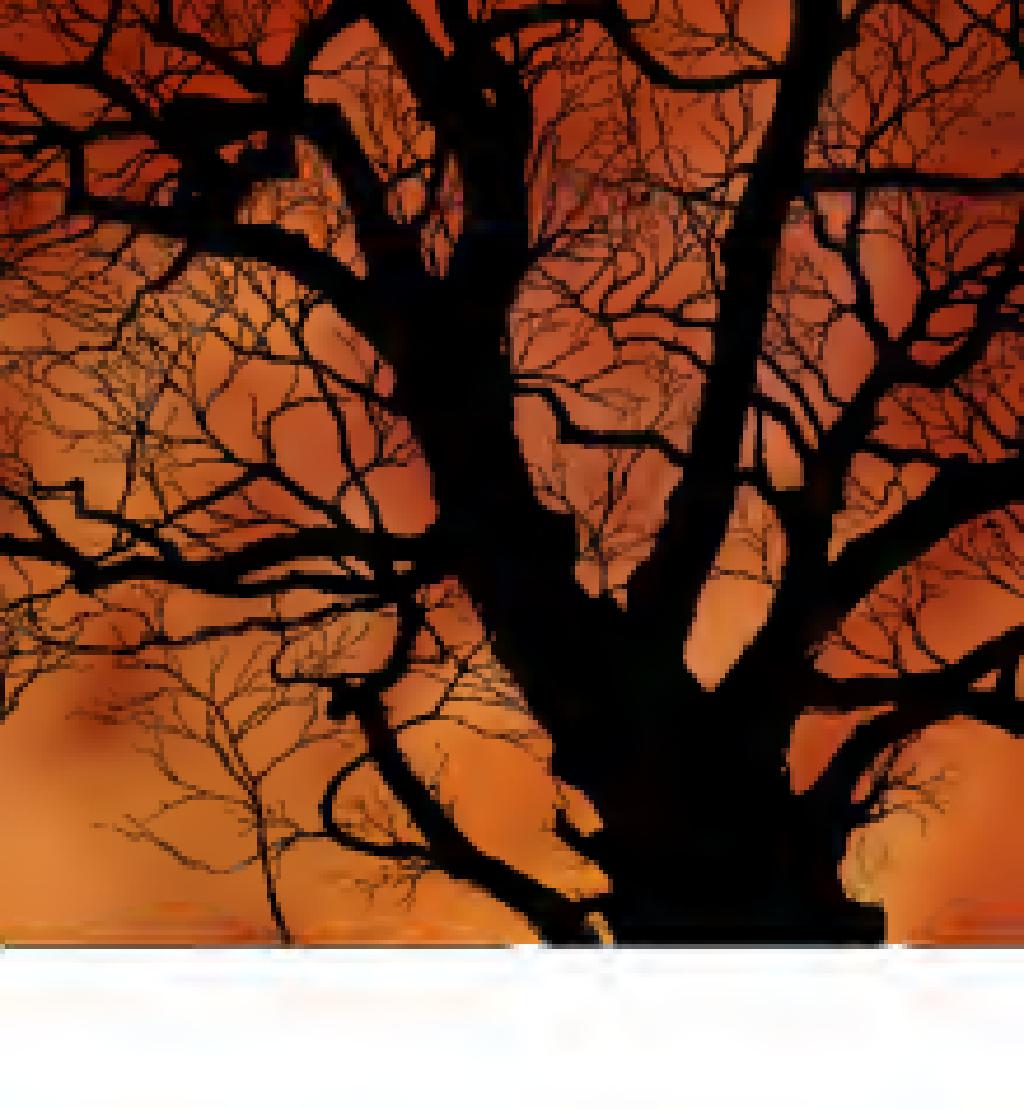




...WHAT?

WHEN THERE'S A FOREST FIRE, THE UNDERGROWTH DIES OFF...

...BUT GREAT, DEEP-ROOTED TREES SURVIVE TO LIVE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.





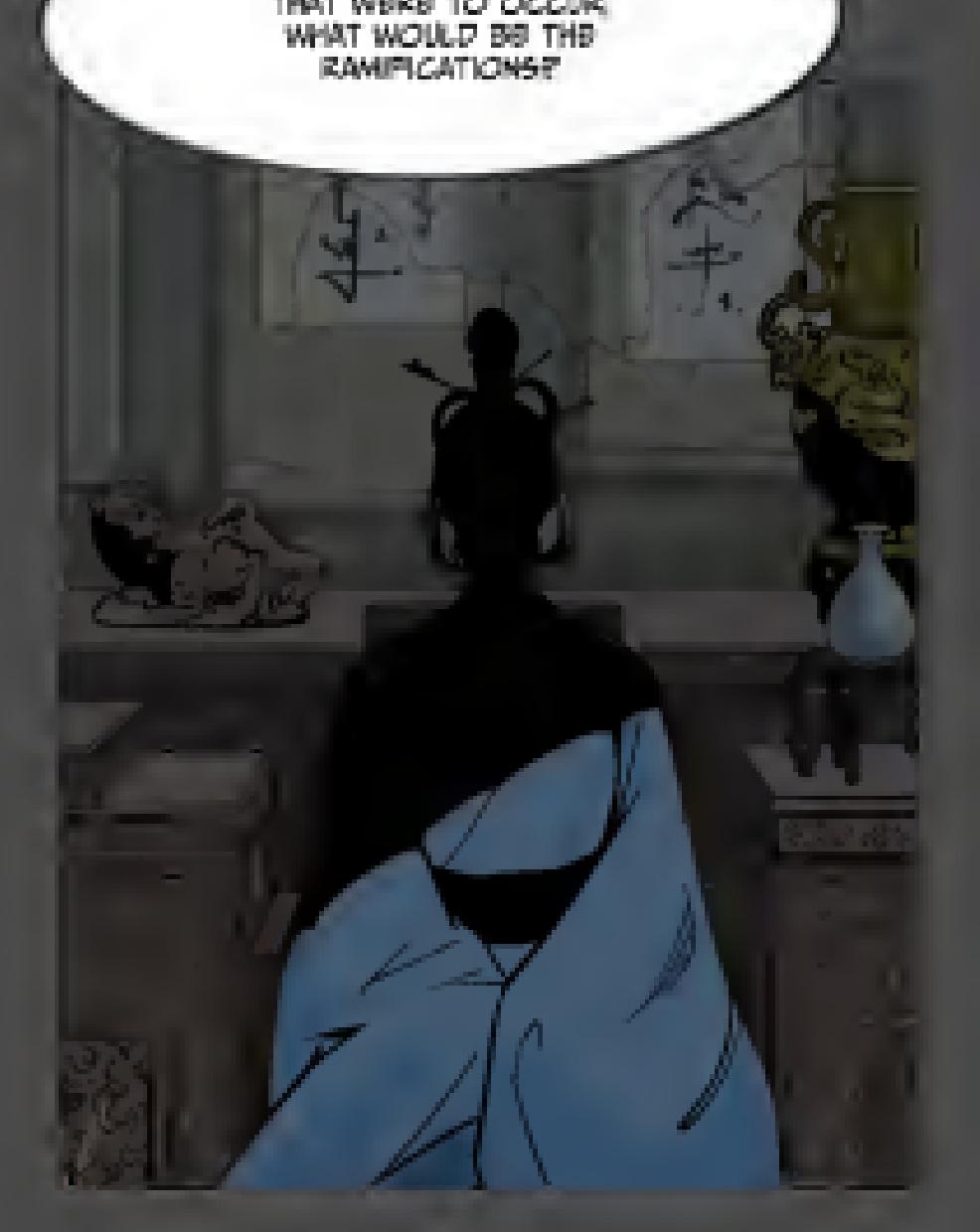
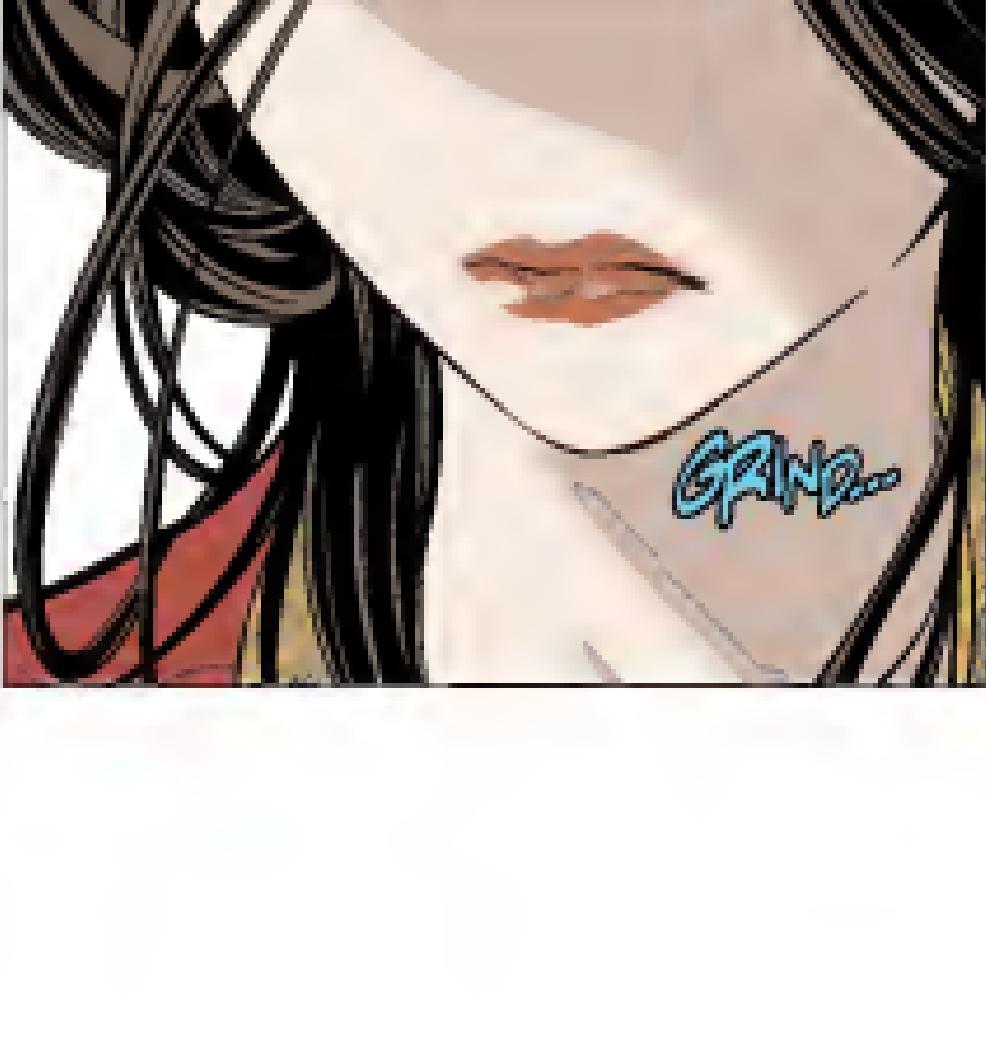
UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE FORMER
LADY, THE BAEKMA VALLEY WAS
ONLY THE HALF THE SIZE OF
WHAT IT IS TODAY...

...BUT THE VALLEY'S
POWER AND INFLUENCE
WERE SO OVERWHELMING
THAT EVEN THE GREAT
FACTIONS HAD TO
TREAD LIGHTLY.



RATHER THAN
DESIRED THE COLLAPSE
OF THE BAEKMA VALLEY...

...IT'D BE MORE
ACCURATE TO SAY
THAT SHE WANTS THE
VALLEY TO REGAIN ITS
OLD FEROCITY...



HOW GARYBONG AND THE
BABOMA VALLEY MANAGE TO
OVERCOME SUCH ADVERSITIES
WILL DETERMINE THEIR FATE...

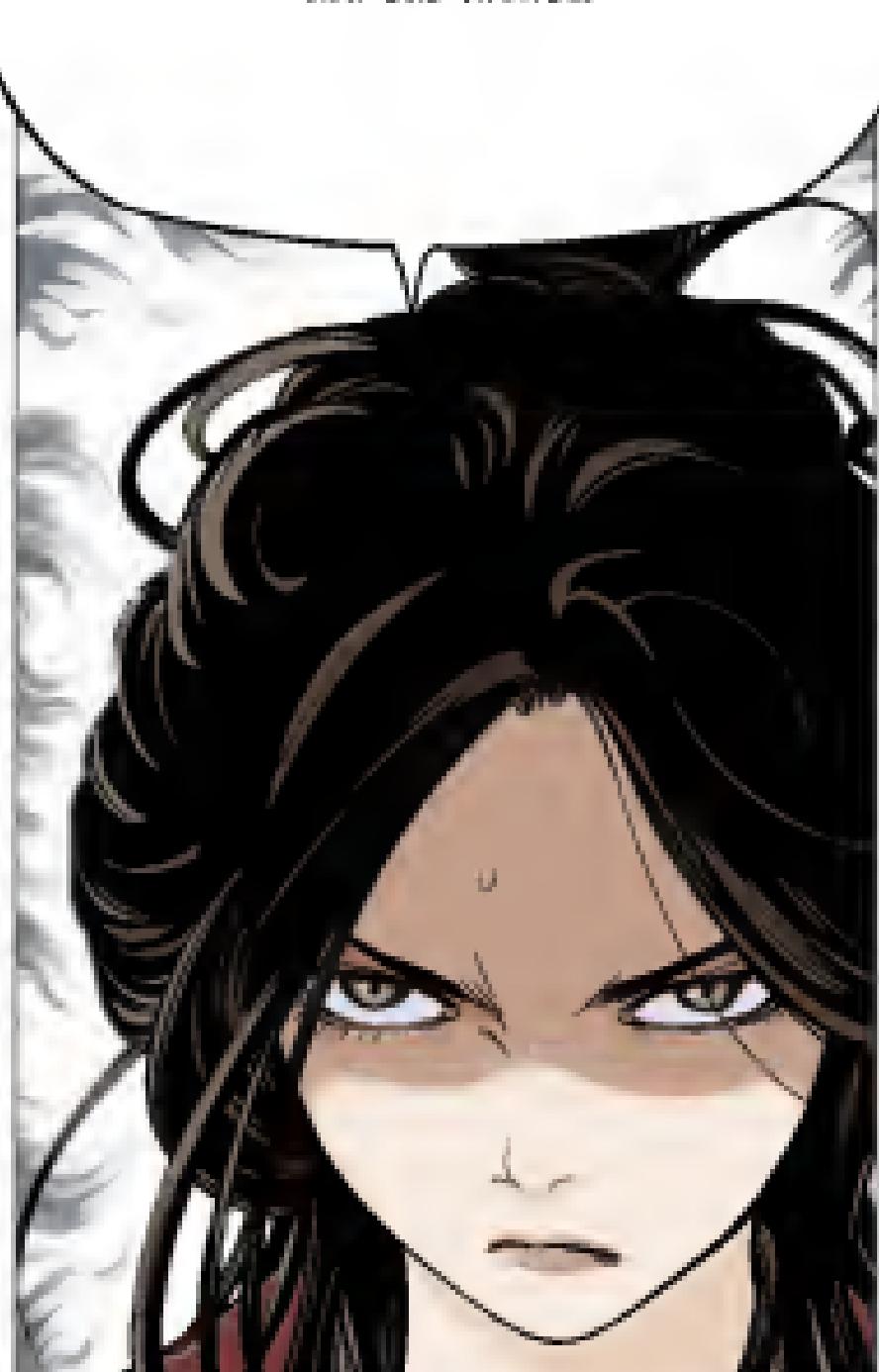


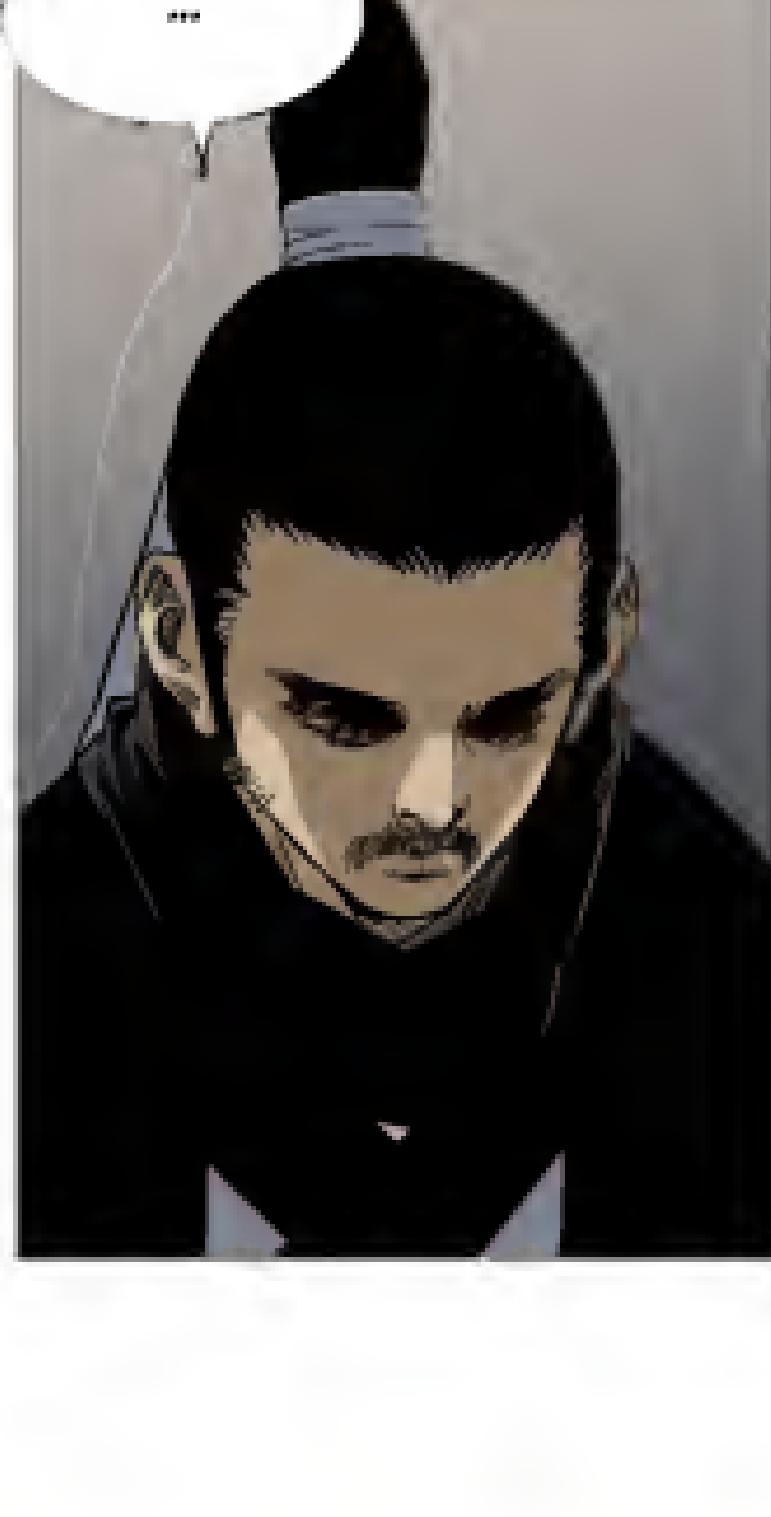


I GUESS I SHOULD
OFFER MOTHER MY
CONGRATULATIONS.

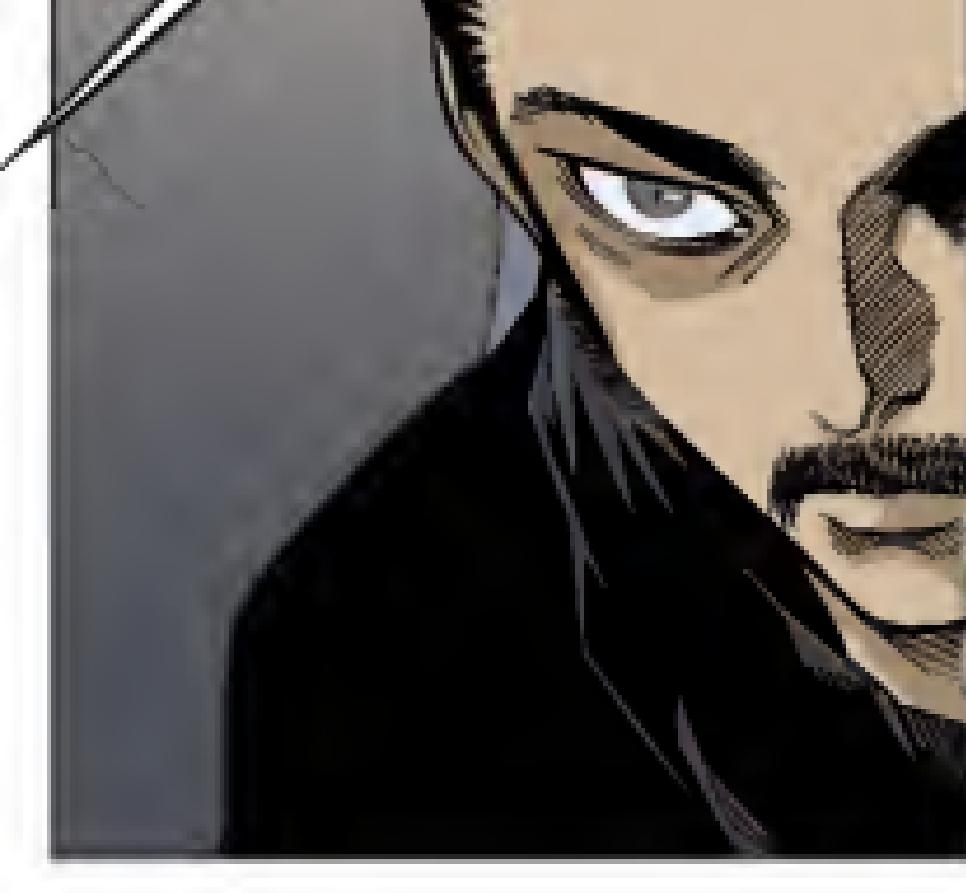


SINCE THIS
CONFIRMS THAT DESPITE
BEING THOUSANDS OF LEAGUES
AWAY, SHE ONLY HAS TO UTTER
A WORD TO STEER THE BAIRMA
VALLEY'S DESTINY WHICHEVER
WAY SHE WANTS...





WHAT'S YOUR
IMPRESSION NOW THAT
YOU'VE DRAGGED THE
HEAVENLY DESTROYER'S
DISCIPLE INTO THE
PRAY?



FOR ALL YOUR TALK OF
DISAPPOINTMENT AND WHATNOT,
IT MUST'VE BEEN GRATIFYING
TO SEE THAT HE'S INHERITED
YOUR OLD MASTER'S MARTIAL
ARTS TO PERFECTION.



...
WHAT DO YOU
THINK WOULD'VE
HAPPENED...



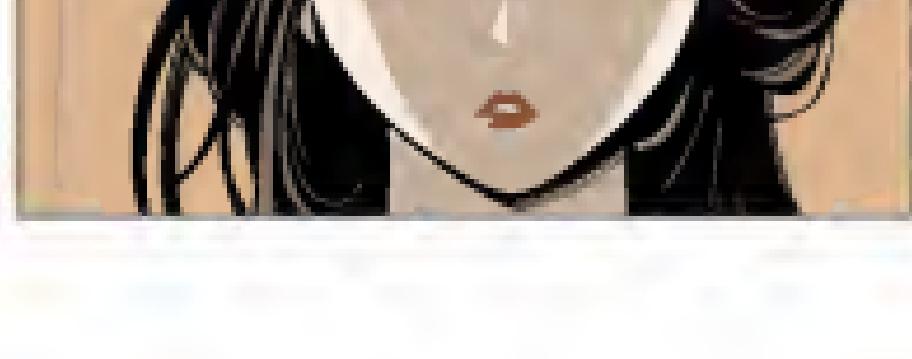
IF THE MAN
I'D DRAGGED INTO
THIS WAS THE HEAVENLY
DESTROYER HIMSELF??



THERE WOULDN'T
BE A SINGLE SOUL LEFT
ALIVE IN BAEKMA VALLEY
RIGHT NOW.



THAT IS THE WAY
OF ONE WHO WALKS THE
PATH OF THE SUPREME
OVERLORD!



NOT EVERYONE
CAN BECOME SUPREME
OVERLORD JUST BECAUSE
THEY'VE LEARNED THE DIVINE
HEAVENLY DESTRUCTION
TECHNIQUES.



MY EARLIER
ASSESSMENT OF
THAT YOUNG MAN, GANG
RYONG, STILL STANDS.





HE DID CATCH ME OFF-GUARD, BECAUSE
CONSIDERING HIS NORMAL
DISPOSITION, I EXPECTED
HIM TO INFILTRATE IN A MORE
CLANDESTINE FASHION...

BUT IN THE END,
HE MERELY SHOVED
HIS LIMITS.



HIS
LIMITS?



DID
ANYONE IN THE
VALLEY DIE FROM
WHAT HAPPENED
TODAY?

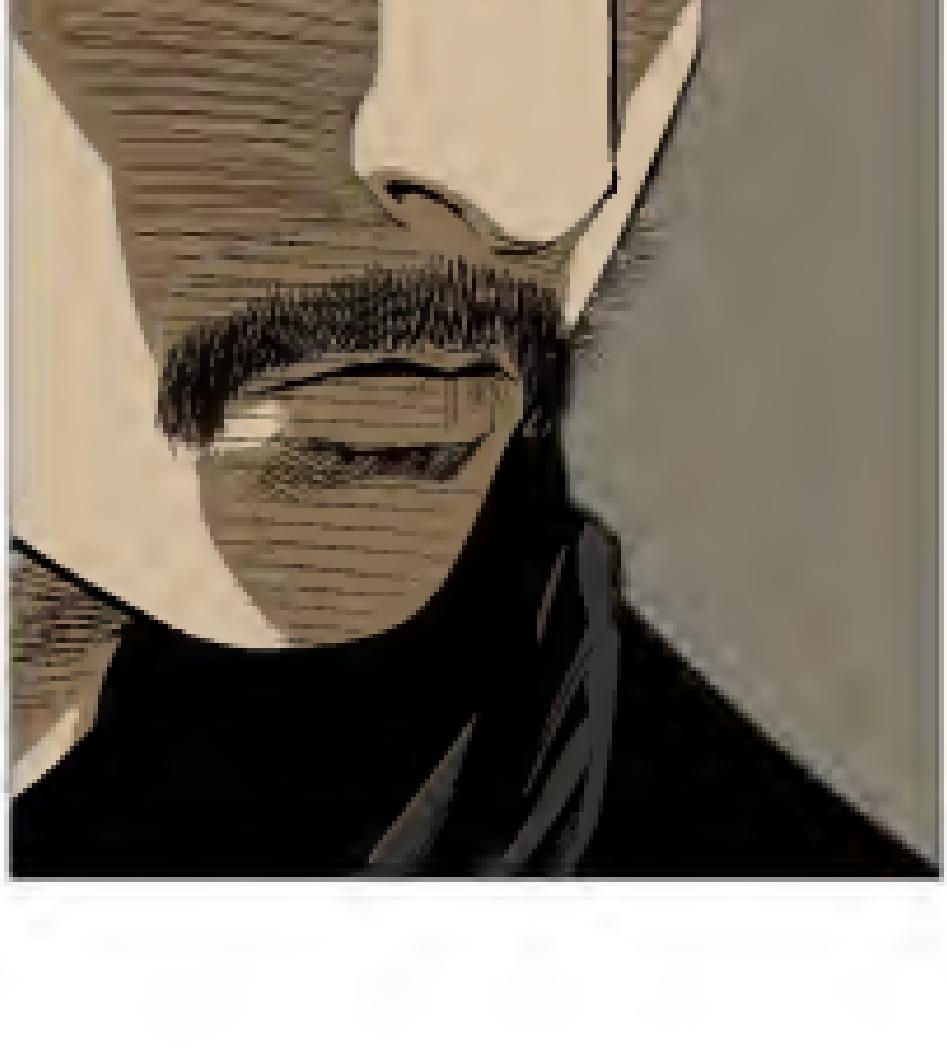
ZHAO CHUNG AND
HIS LACKEYS STILL
BEING ALIVE...

...CAN BE ATTRIBUTED
TO THE FACT THAT GHA
WOOBOK HAS BECOME
SOFT DUE TO THE LIFE
HE'S LED RECENTLY.



BUT FOR SOMEONE WHO
CALLS HIMSELF THE SUPREME
OVERLORD'S DISCIPLE TO NOT
USE LETHAL MOVES AGAINST
THOSE AFTER HIS LIFE,
OUT OF PITY...



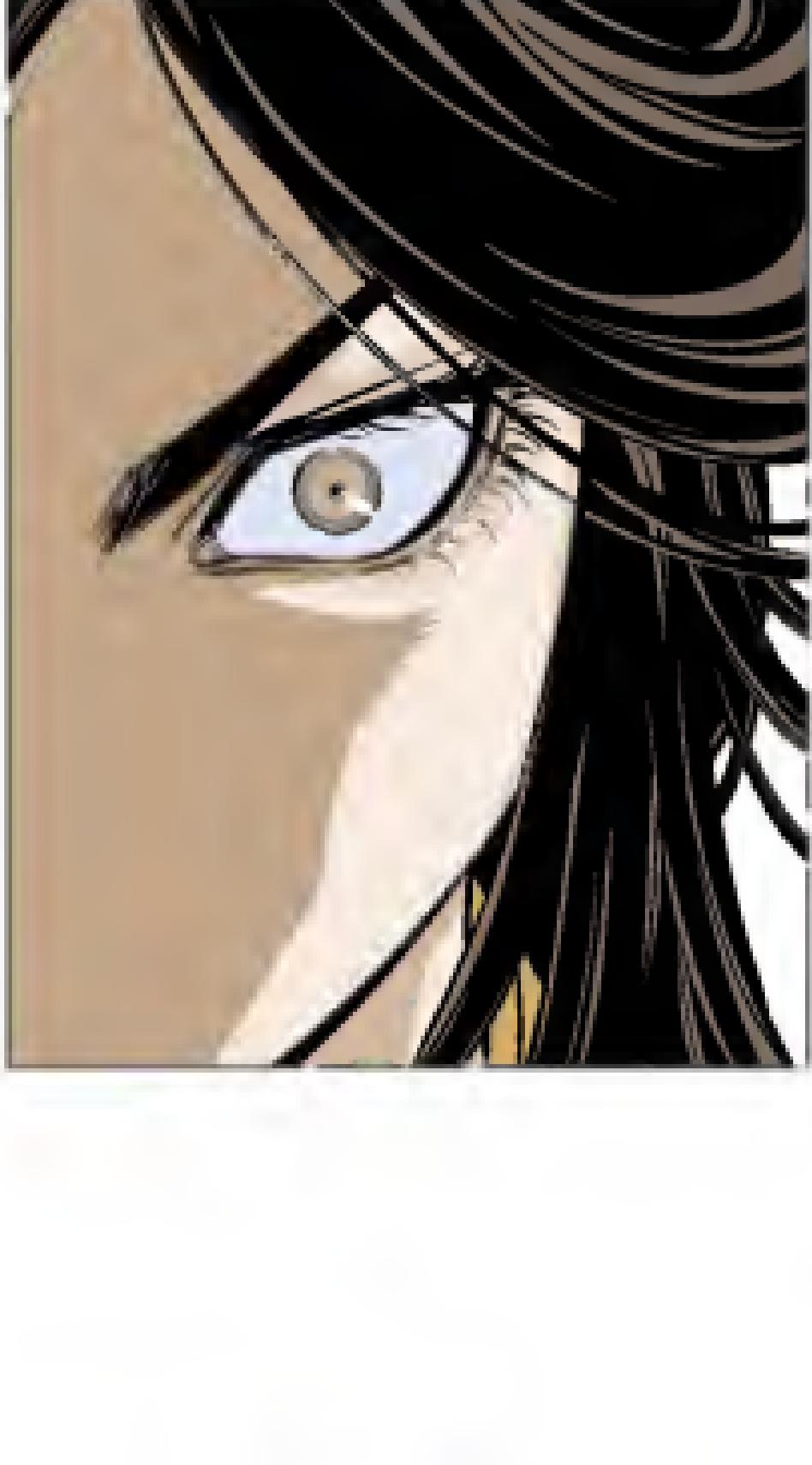


WITH HIS PERSONALITY,
BEING A TAVERN BOY
MIGHT JUST SUIT HIM...



BUT IF HE STILL
BEHAVES THE SAME
WAY WHEN CONFRONTED BY
THE FATE THAT SURELY
AWAITS HIM...

HE'LL
NEVER
SURVIVE.



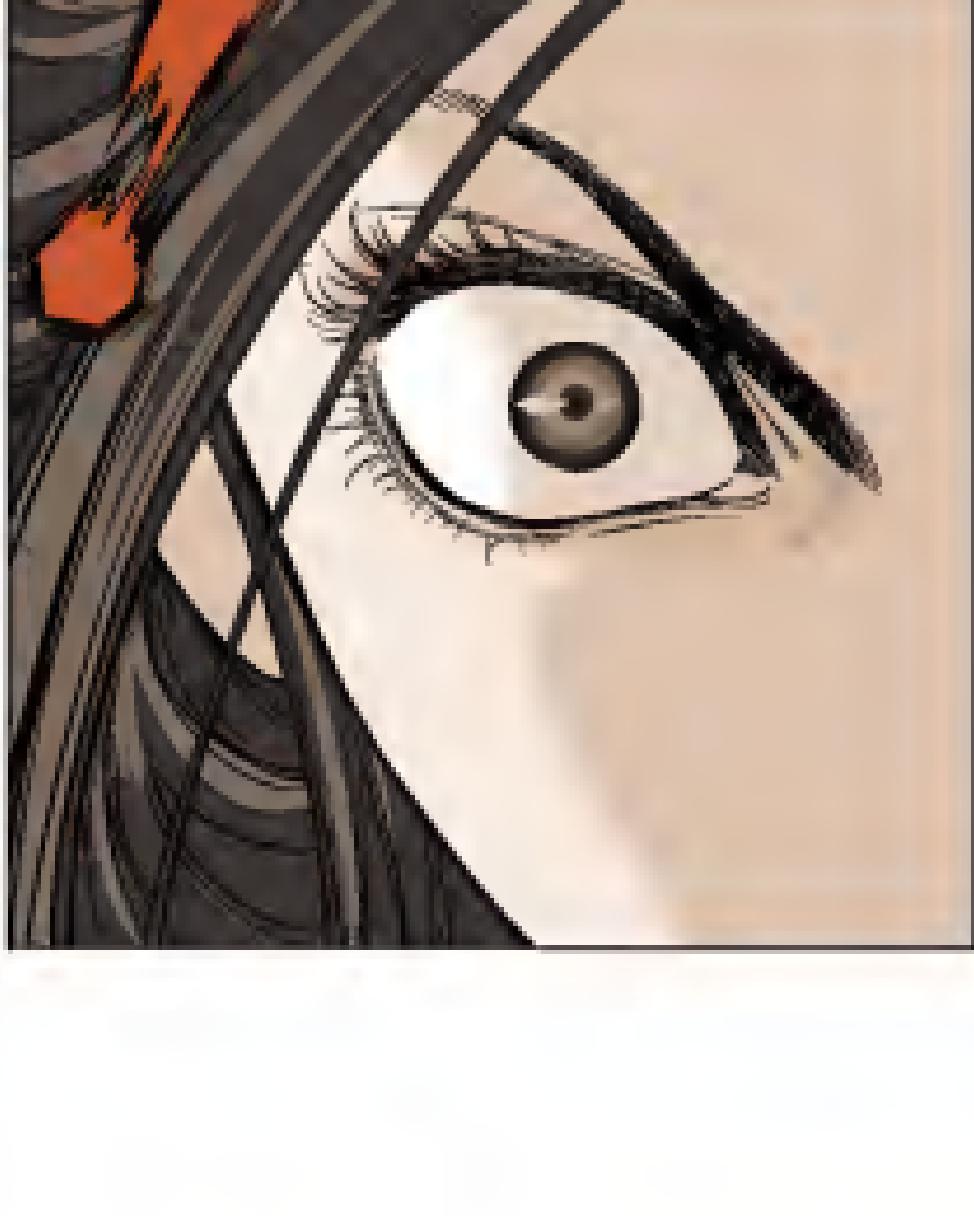
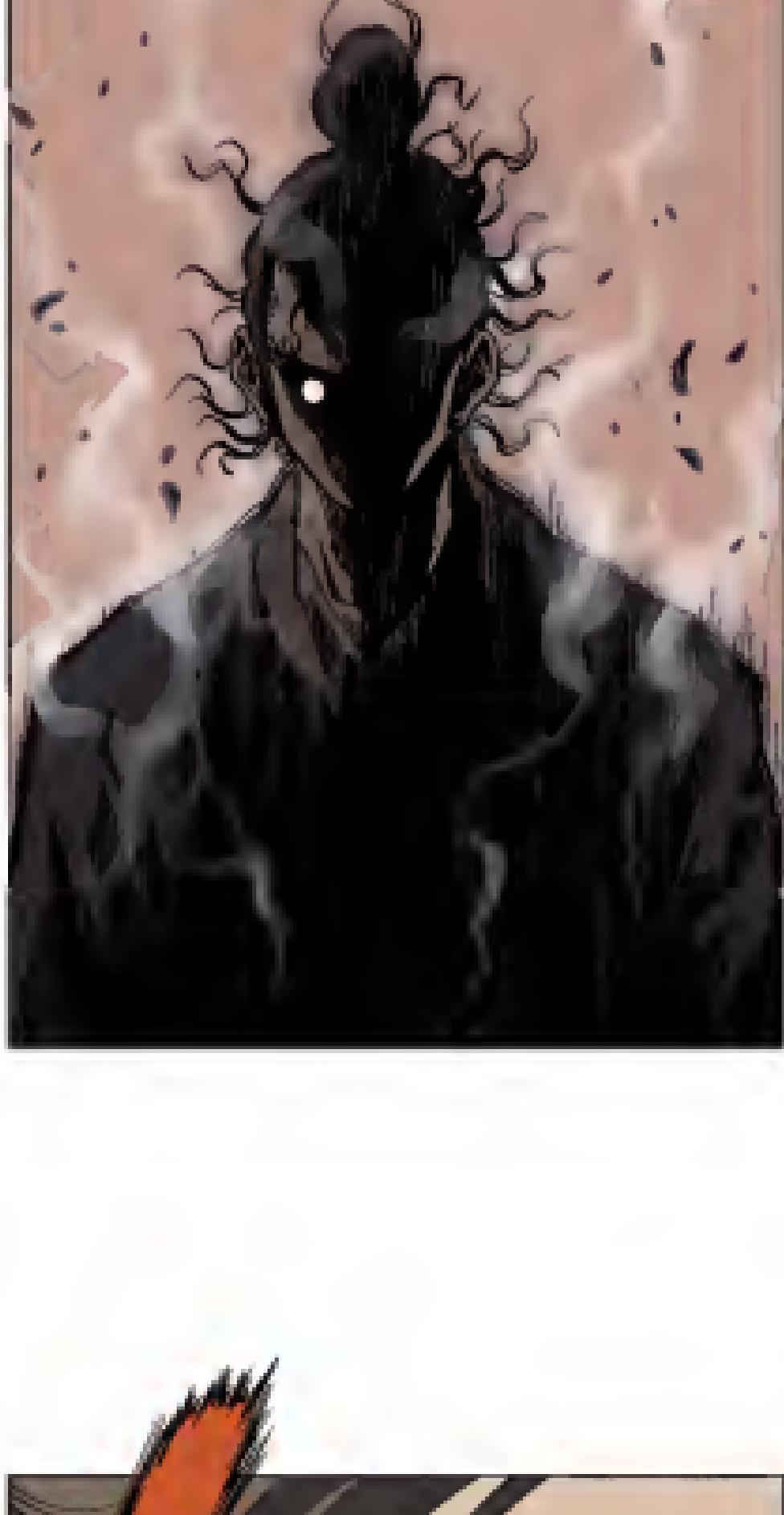
ARE YOU
SURE...

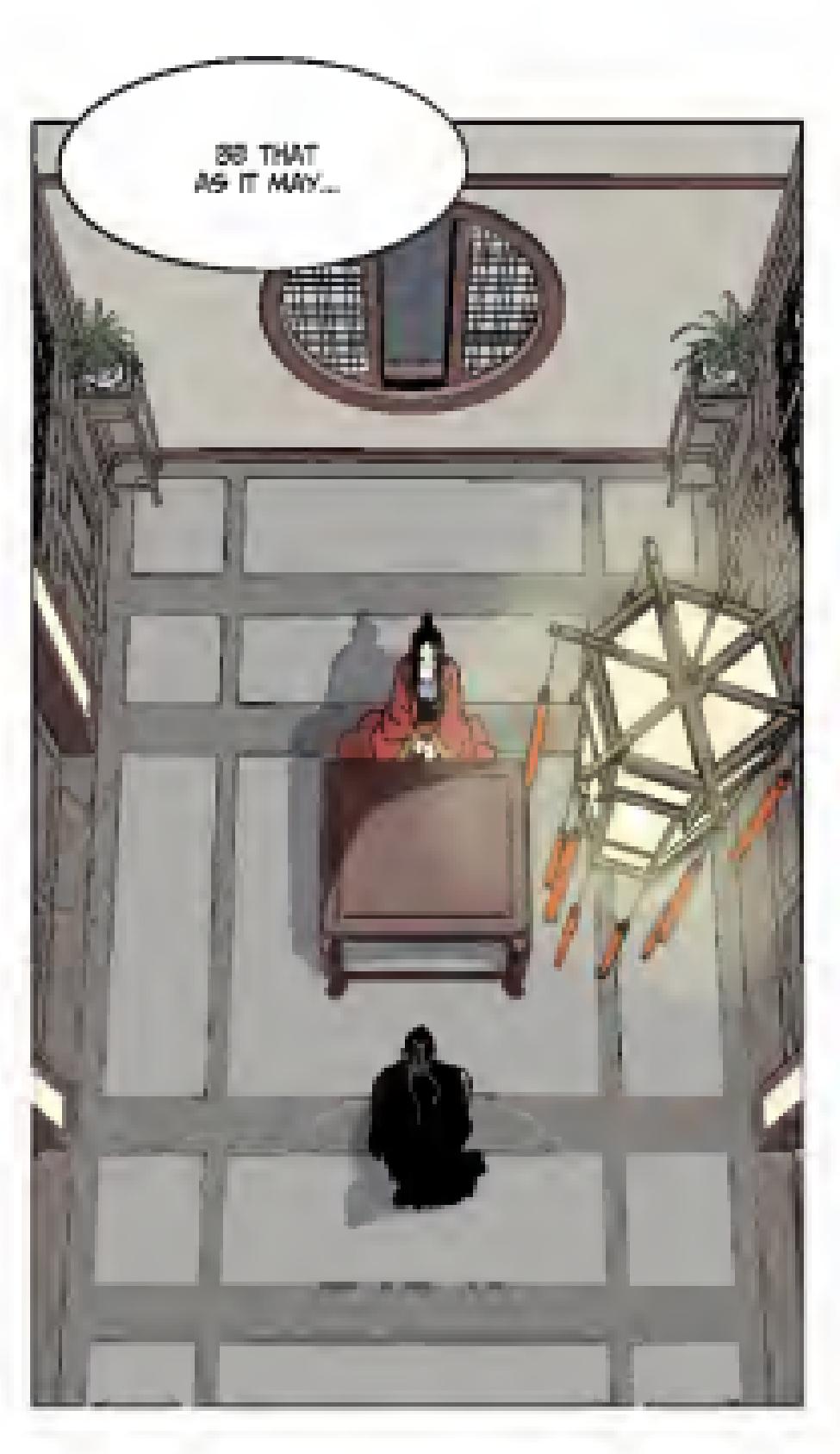
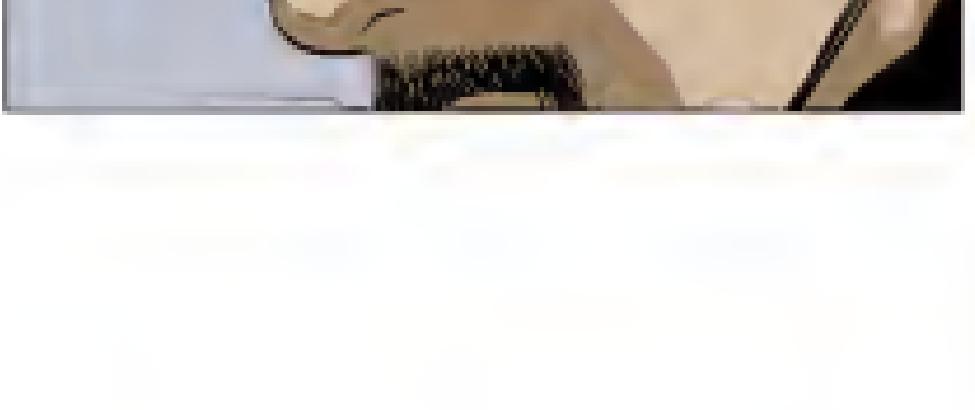
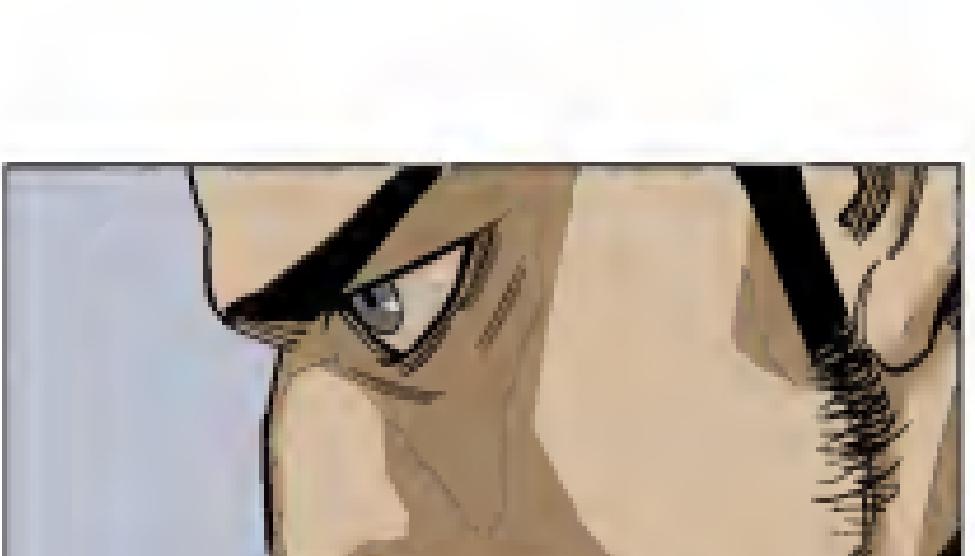
...?

ARE YOU
SURE...

BUT THE ONLY
MAN WHO CAN
ASCERTAIN IT...

...IS GHA
WOOBOK, THE
WRAITH HAND!



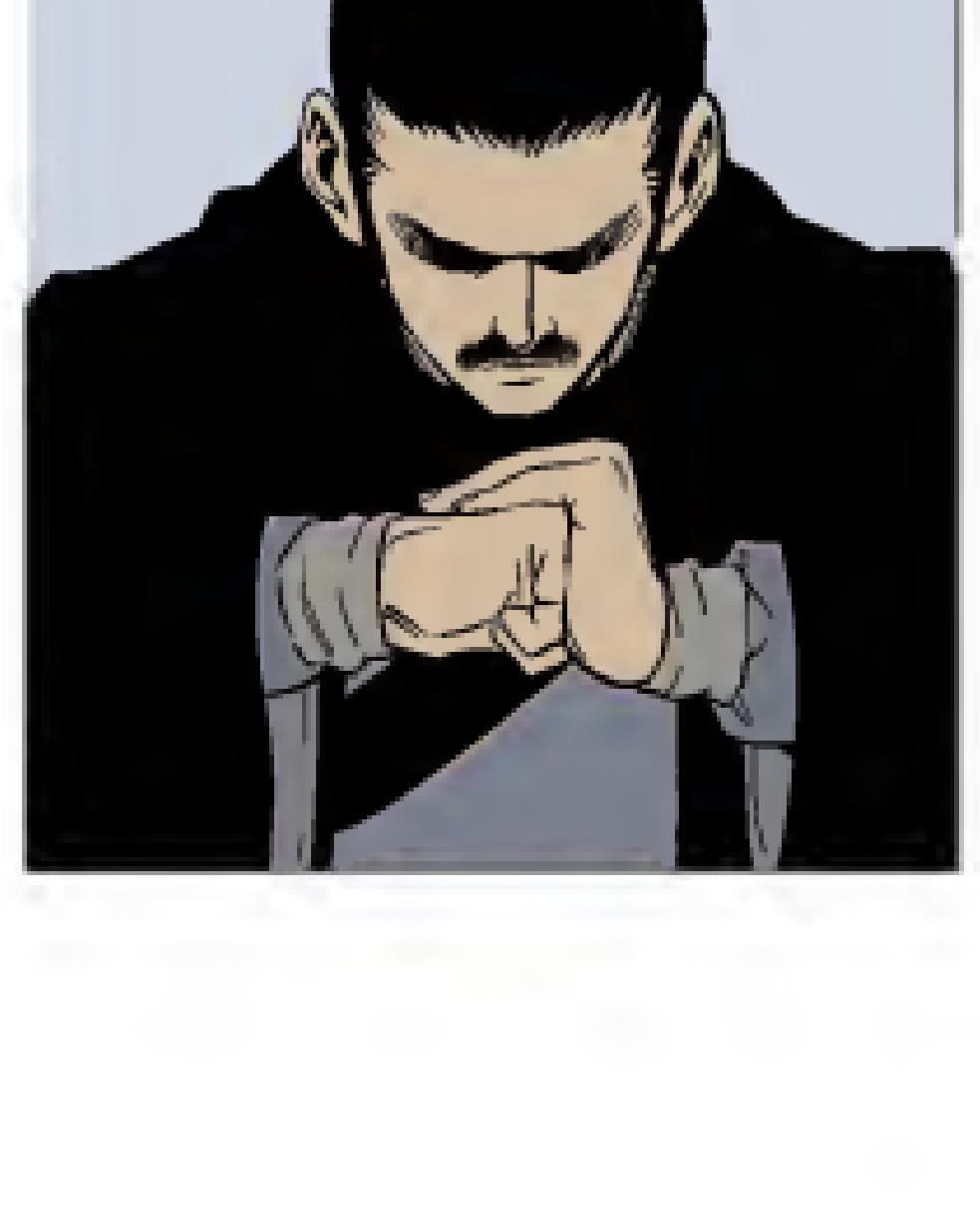




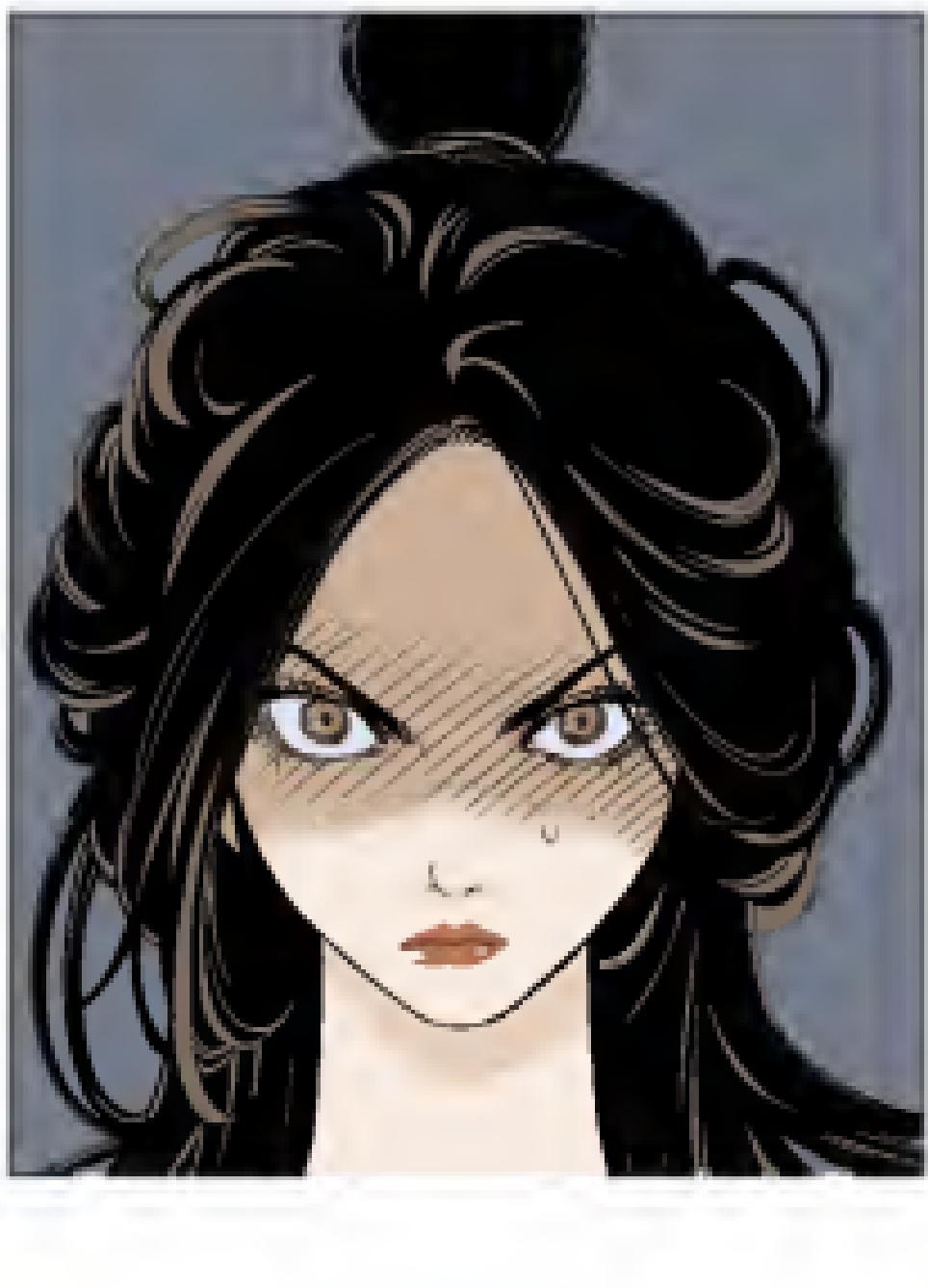
I WON'T ALLOW YOU
TO TOUCH HIS FAMILY OR
MANHANDLE THEM AGAIN.

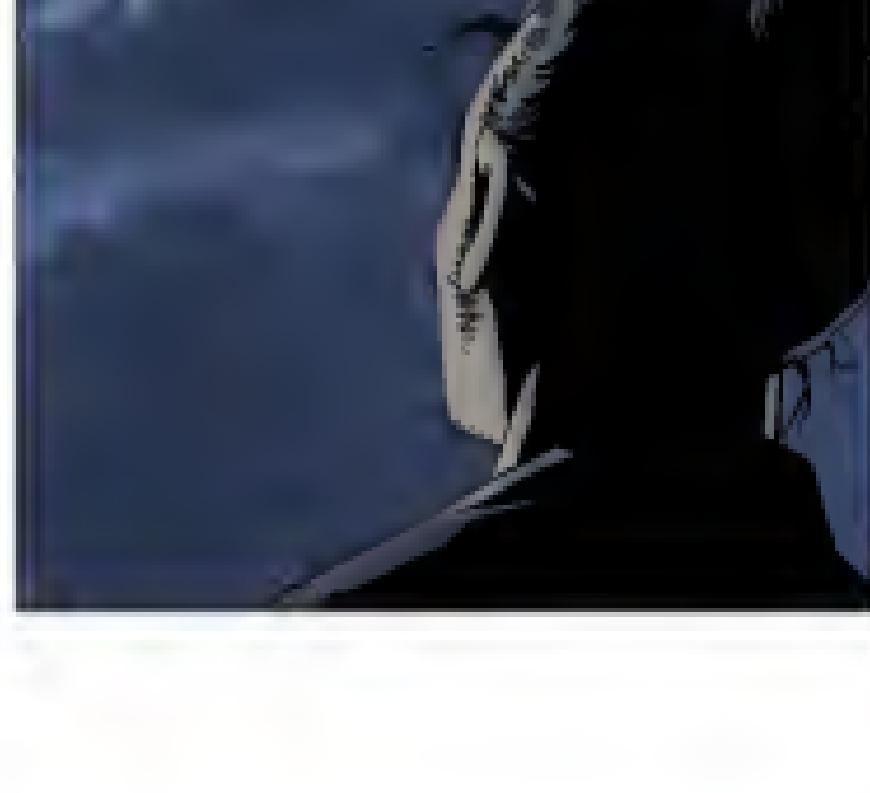


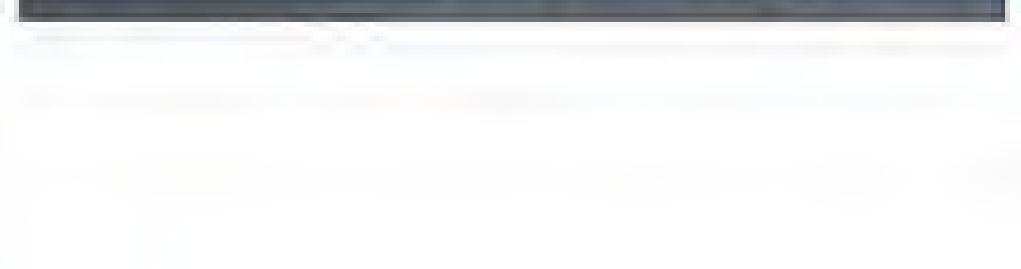
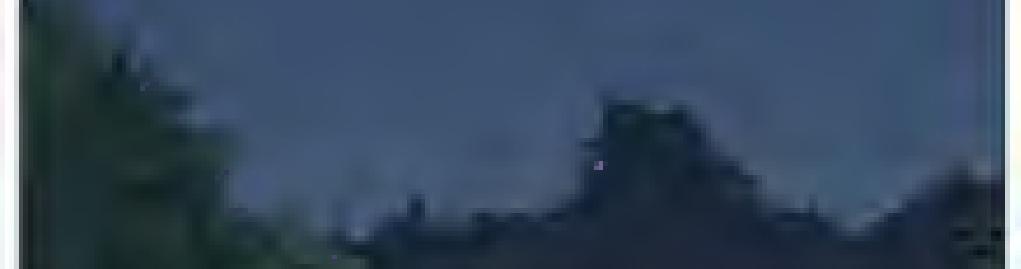
IF YOU CAN'T
PERSUADE HIM,
YOU'D BETTER FIND
ANOTHER WAY.



AS YOU
COMMAND.



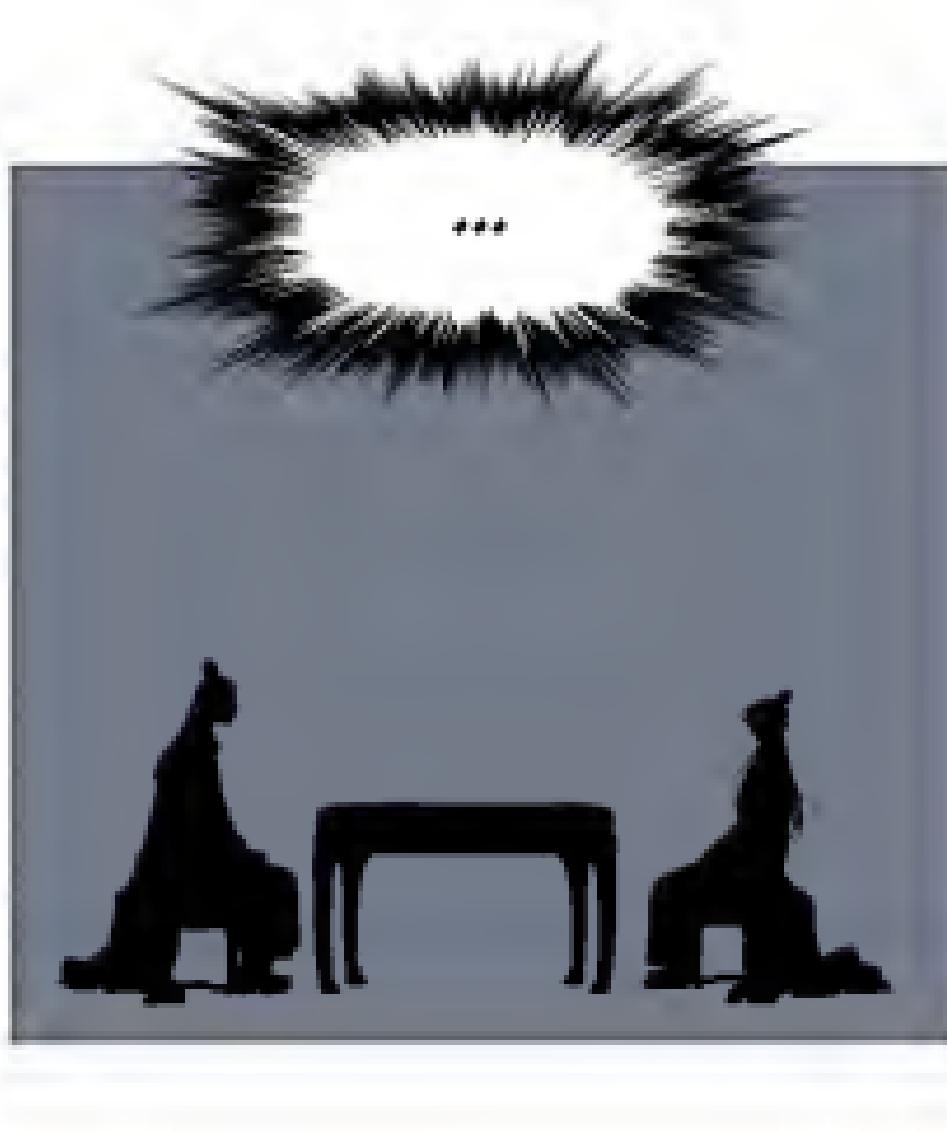




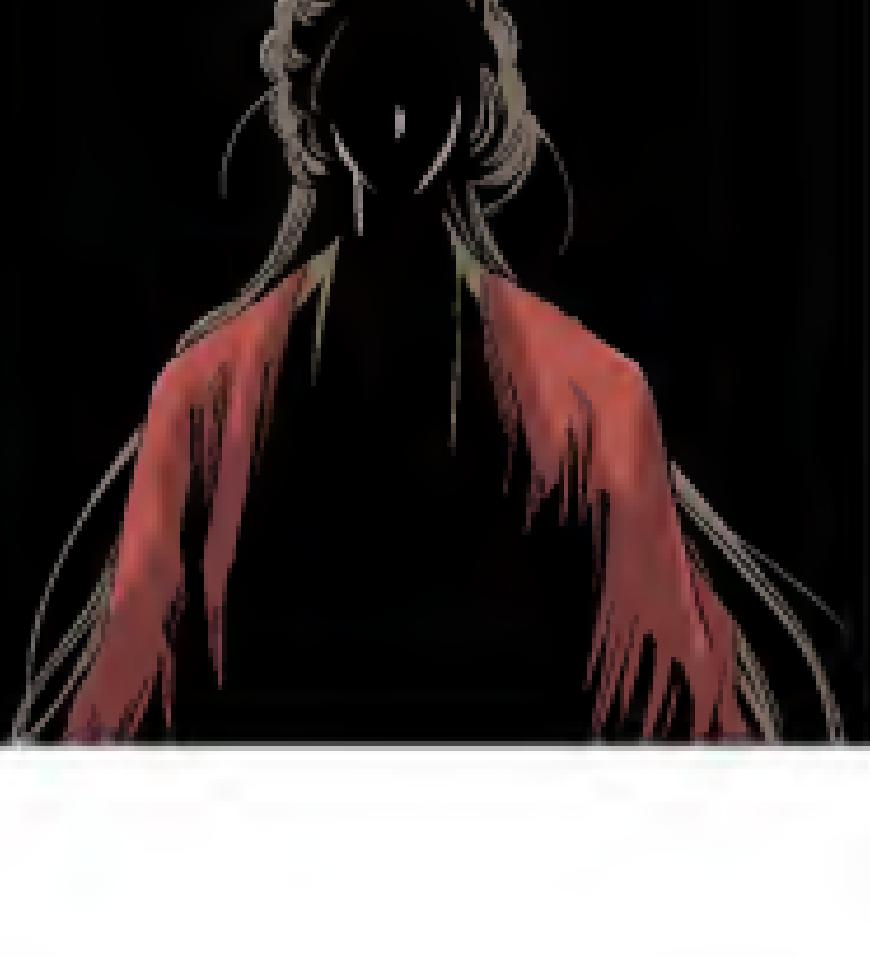


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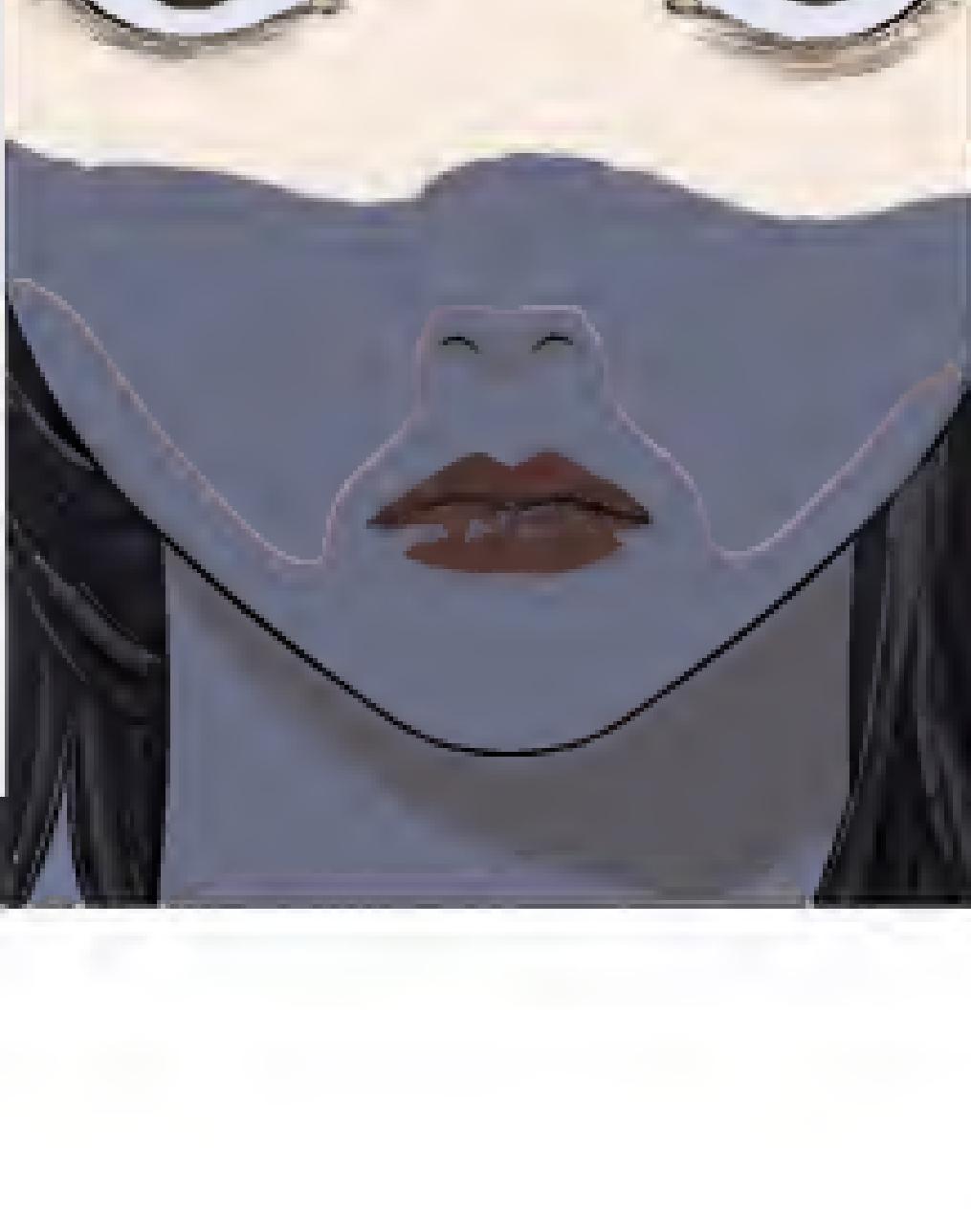


GANG RIVONG...



YOUR MASTER'S

ENEMY STILL LIVES!



**WHAT'RE YOU
GOING TO DO
ABOUT IT...?**

